

Councilman Paul Cunningham's

# WARD 2 WEEKLY

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## Here is what is happening around the City of Tucson



### UPCOMING WARD 2 EVENTS

#### BAG IT! (SEPT. 8)

At the Loft Cinema at 10 AM.

#### MUSIC IN THE PARK (SEPT. 8, 15, 22, 29)

At Udall Park starting at 7 PM.

#### SHRED IT (OCT. 13)

At 7575 E. Speedway from 8 AM to 11:30 AM

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### A Note From Your Councilman

Hope you had a great Labor Day weekend!

We return to a full City Council schedule in September and there are several issues I wanted to keep folks informed about.

#### Streetcar

The progress on the streetcar continues. There is a slight delay on the delivery of the prototype car but this allows us an opportunity to actualize some savings on the purchase of the cars. I will follow up with details when appropriate. Needless to say, I am cautiously optimistic we will meet the target deadline for the project.

#### Sabino Canyon and Tanque Verde

The work on the intersection at Sabino Canyon and Tanque Verde continues. There are some issues with the left hand turn lanes. As of now, the wait time is being increased due to the construction. This is only temporary and it should be back to normal working order in no time. I am meeting with traffic engineers to find a way to reduce the wait time at that intersection and mitigate the issue.



Source: Destination 360



Councilman Cunningham

## Councilman Cunningham's Note Continued

### Marijuana Dispensaries

I have agendized the Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance for Mayor and Council discussion to extend the buffer from schools, churches, and youth sites from 1,000 feet to a slight bit over 1,300 feet - a quarter mile. I understand 300 feet does not sound like a lot, but the extension makes sense to me.

There are people who can make out signs and letters from 1,000 feet away, but a quarter-mile gives a large enough buffer to minimize the immediate physical environment of young people. This buffer will help to eliminate any propaganda that legitimizes marijuana use. As a former Juvenile Probation Officer, legitimizing marijuana use to any child is a mistake. Extending the buffer to a quarter mile will help prevent this from happening.

### Changes at City Hall

Since taking office the following departments, collaborators, sub-departments, and high level officials have experienced a change in leadership. These

include:

1. City Manager
2. Deputy City Manager
3. Fire Chief
4. Environmental Services
5. Transportation
6. Real Estate
7. Water
8. Information Technology
9. General Services
10. Tucson Convention Center
11. Human Resources
12. City Public Defender
13. Zoning Examiner
14. Park Wise

Every so often an organization experiences a large transition of leadership which can lead to a new style and invigorate it in fulfilling its mission. The City Manager is working hard to ensure that Tucsonans receive a high degree of customer service. None of the department heads listed above have more than three years at their current position. Please be patient with staff if you have long standing constituent issues.

## For More Information:

Finding Isabel:  
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Call 791-4687 or  
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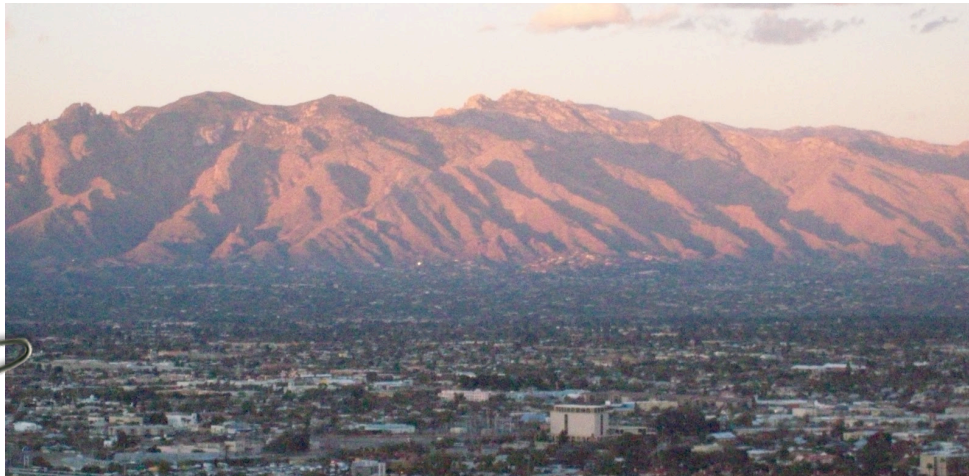
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Source: AOL Travel



## Councilman Cunningham's Note Continued Business Development

In the last newsletter I mentioned Tucson pursuing the 2019 or possibly 2023 Pan American Games. Another economic driver that will emerge in the next few years is aerospace. With the announcement that Rolls Royce will distribute engine parts out of the Port of Guyamas: Tucson has positioned itself to emerge as a leader in the aerospace industry over the next decade. Specifically in the development of a new green aircraft.

*By: Councilman Paul Cunningham*

## SHRED-IT

Do you have a pile of sensitive documents at home that you wish to destroy securely? If so, gather them up and head over to the Eastside City Hall on Saturday, October 13 between 8 AM and 11:30 AM (or until the truck is full) to dispose of them at our "Shred It" event hosted by Councilman Cunningham and the Ward 2 staff!

Back by popular demand, "Shred It" is our effort at combating identity theft by offering Tucson a way to dispose of their sensitive

and private documents in a fast and secure way.

Your first carton of documents will be complimentary. For additional service, we are asking for a \$10 donation for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona or its equivalent in canned food.

*By: Staff*

## BAG IT! IT'S BACK!!

Six months ago, Mayor and Council demonstrated their leadership in protecting the environment by unanimously voting to support the efforts to reduce plastic bags here in Tucson. A motion was made by Councilman Paul Cunningham to "convene a working group to bring back a recommendation within six months on how the City can best reduce consumption of single use plastic bags and increase current recycling and education efforts." This working groups is now coming to an end and will, in the next few months, present Mayor and Council with their findings and their recommendation.

In lieu of this event, the Sierra Club is sponsoring a showing of "Bag It!". "Bag

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Programming:

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It!" is a movie about the consumption and use of plastics and the effects they may have on our environment. It follows one man, Jeb Berrier, as he explores the issue of plastic consumption and the effects on the environment. He starts out much like any one but what he discovers in the end is shocking and, for him, enough to change his lifestyle.

The Ward 2 Council Office would like to invite you to a free showing of "Bag It!" at the Loft Cinema on September 8 at 10 AM. This is a limited chance to see this wonderful documentary for free! Hope to see you there!

*By: Staff*

## MORE MUSIC IN THE PARK!

It's that time again! As the heat slowly dwindles, we see the return of "Music in the Park" at Udall Park. Laszlo Veres will be directing shows on September 8, 15, 22, and 29 and you are invited! Come out to enjoy a great musical selection with pieces by composers such as John Phillips Sousa.

Remember, if you would like to attend, bring lawn chairs and blankets because

seating is limited. Shuttles will be available from the Sabino Canyon Tanque Verde shopping center. Shows being at 7 PM!

*By: Staff*

## SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are still searching for a representative to serve on the Small Minority and Women-Owned Business Commission.

Please look over the commission details in our previous edition of the Ward 2 Weekly [http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward2/june\\_20\\_final.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward2/june_20_final.pdf) on page four.

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*By: Staff*

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THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK - Non-Perishable Food

DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA - Infant/Child/Adult Diapers

SAAF (SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION) - Personal hygiene products and household cleaning products

TIHAN (TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK - Personal care items for individuals and families in need

ICU - Eyeglass donations to a student-led organization that sends them to war-torn countries

CINDERELLA'S CLOSET - Prom dress donations so that all young ladies can have a beautiful gown for their prom

DANCING IN THE STREETS AZ - Feel free to drop off gently used or new ballet attire i.e pink tights, pink ballet slippers and pink or black leotards, as well as, gently used ballet costumes.

CASA MARIA - Plastic Shopping Bags

TO OPT OUT OF COUNCILMAN CUNNINGHAM'S WARD 2 WEEKLY

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